(d) Government have adopted a multipronged approach which includes inter-alia strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by proactive action against them in hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, better interaction with the border population etc.

Arms Dropping in Purulia

384. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of sophisticated arms dropped in Purulia in 1995 by a strange intruding aircraft reached the gangs of criminals in Uttar Pradesh, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 2nd August, 1998; and

(b) if so, which criminal gangs have been found in possession of such arms and the details of persons apprehended and the identification marks found on such arms?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) A large part of the arms dropped in Purulia have infact been recovered only in one case one AK-56 rifle was found with a criminal who was killed in an encounter in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Attacks on Minorities

385. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atrocious attacks took place on the minority communities in the country specially in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra since March this year with details thereof; and

(b) the action taken to restore minority confidence?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per the information available the number of attacks involving Christians or Muslims during the current year from 1.1.1998 to 15.11.1998 are given in the attached statement (*see* below).

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

Even as it is essentially for the State Governments to deal with crime, the Central Government has been providing assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure, besides sharing intelligence with them. It has also constituted a special force, called Rapid Action Force, for assisting the State Governments in controlling communal situations. Guidelines have also been issued, from time to time, drawing the attention of the State Governments to the need for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities.

After the recent incidents of attack on minorities, the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to the District Authorities concerned to respond immediately to the complaints of atrocities/harassment of the minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identify and punish the guilty persons. The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Statement

Number of communal incidents Statewise involving Muslims or Christians

States	1998 (1.1.98 to 15.11.98)
1. Andhra Pradesh	17
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0
3. Assam	5

States	1998 (1.1.98 to 15.11.98)
4. Bihar	84
5. Goa	0
6. Gujarat	65
7. Haryana	1
8. Himachal Pradesh	0
9. Jammu & Kashmir	2
10. Karnataka	30
11. Kerala	9
12. Madhya Pradesh	30
13. Maharashtra	67
14. Manipur	0
15. Meghalaya	0
16. Mizoram	0
17. Nagaland	0
18. Orissa	14
19. Punjab	2
20. Rajasthan	39
21. Sikkim	0
22. Tamil Nadu	42
23. Tripura	0
24. Uttar Pradesh	108
25. West Bengal	30
Union Territories	
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
27. Chandigarh	0
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
29. Daman & Diu	0
30. Delhi	14
31. Lakshwadweep	0
32. Pondicherry	0
TOTAL	560

राज्यों में बलात्कार के मामले

386. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राज्यों में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान लड़कियों और महिलाओं के साथ हुए बलात्कार के मामलों का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और इनमें से कितने मामले शहरी क्षेत्रों में हुए तथा कितने मामलेग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में हुए;

(ख) ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें रिपोर्ट दर्ज की गई और साथ ही उन पर कार्रवाई भी हुई ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें लड़कियों और महिलाएं गर्भवती हुई; और

(ग) क्या बलात्कार के मामलों की सुनवाई राज्य के पुलिस स्टेशनों में गुप्त रूप से की जा रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (ग) वर्ष 1995 से 1997 तक के दौरान बलात्कार के मामलों से संबंधित सूचना नीचे दी गई है:—

वर्ष	मामलों की संख्या
1995	13,754
1996	14,646
1997	14,393

पुलिस राज्य का विषय है अतः मामलों के क्षेत्र-वार ब्यौरे और व्यक्तिगत मामलों के ब्यौरे केन्द्रीय स्तर पर नहीं रखे जाते है।

Insecurity Among Minorities

387. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will *the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS* be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to his notice that the minority Communities in some States like Gujrat are facing a growing sence of insecurity due to the activities of organisations, such as the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Bajrang Del; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reassure *the minority communities in thse States?*

THE MIISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 'Public Order and Police' is a sujeet of the State List and it is responsibility of the Stat Governments to maintain 'Public Order'. The attention of the State Govts. is invited for taking action against persons spreading all-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities. by issuing guidelines on communal harmony were issued by the Central Government to all the States/ITs on 22.10.97 suggesting various measures for controlling the communal situation.

However, after recent incidents of attacks on minorities, the Chief Secretary